

TO-RENEW OFFENSIVE ON VERDUN

French Evacuate Fort Near Captured Point;
Germans Reinforcing and Crown Prince
is Expected to Attack from
Southwest

GERMAN MERCHANTS ARE LEAVING LISBON

Portugal to Refuse Demands of Teutons
for Release of Ships; Declaration of
War Expected; Russian Steamer
is Sunk

By United Press.
PARIS, March 2.—The full on the
Verdun front continued throughout the
past night, the war office announced
today.

By United Press.
AMSTERDAM, March 2.—The
French forces have evacuated Fort
Douvain, one of the strong defenses
of Verdun, two miles southeast of Fort
Douaumont, which was captured by the
Teutons several days ago, according to
unconfirmed reports from German
sources.

The Germans are reported to be con-
centrating heavily in the Argonne dis-
trict, having sent ninety thousand re-
inforcements there during the last few
days.

It is believed that the German crown
prince is preparing to renew his of-
fensive on Verdun with attacks in Ar-
gonne from the southeast, in an effort
to envelop the main forts.

By United Press.
LISBON, March 2.—The receipt of
reports that Germany is about to de-
clare war on Portugal caused sixty
leading merchants of the German col-
ony here to leave hurriedly for Spain.
The majority of the German business
houses in the city are closed today.

It is reported that the foreign of-
fice dispatched an answer last night
to the German note demanding the re-
lease of the interned German merchant
ships that were seized by official de-
crees.

The Portuguese answer is under-
stood to be brief but to contain a flat
refusal to comply with the German
demands.

It is rumored that the German min-
ister will leave Lisbon this afternoon.
The president conferred last night with
the cabinet and political leaders.

Prepared for War.

By United Press.
AMSTERDAM, March 2.—A dispatch
from Berlin today says Germany is
prepared to declare war on Portugal
immediately in the event that the Lis-
bon government sends an unsatisfactory
reply to the note demanding the re-
lease of German ships.

It is reported that the Portuguese
consuls in Germany have warned their
countrymen to depart, declaring that
the situation may become critical. Ber-
lin reports say Germany cannot allow
the ship incident to pass without
stultifying itself.

Russ Vessel is Sunk.

By United Press.
LONDON, March 2.—The Russian
steamer Alexander Wenzel was sunk
with the loss of 18 lives, on the first
day during which the new German
submarine decree was in force.

Eleven of the crew were rescued.
There is no intimation as to whether
the vessel was a victim of the new
orders.

French Lose Mine Sweeper.

By United Press.
AMSTERDAM, March 2.—It is re-
ported that the French mine-sweeper
Aurore was submerged Tuesday, the
crew being saved.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma—Tonight fair,
colder; Friday, fair.
Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8
a. m. today:
Maximum, 61 degrees.
Minimum, 25 degrees.

BUT PROBABLY SHE DOESN'T PLAY BRIDGE.

By United Press.
LORAIN, O., March 2.—
"Children are trouble some-
times, but they are the sort of
trouble I welcome," today said
Mrs. Mary Prunchnicki, mother
of sixteen boys and girls. Her
eldest child is 22, and the
youngest two are twins, five
months old. Besides caring for
the children and doing all her
own housework, Mrs. Prunchnicki
acts as a police court in-
terpreter whenever the call
comes, which is often.

SLIDES HIT TRAFFIC IN COLORADO

By United Press.
GUNNISON, Colo., March 2.—The
worst snow storm in two years in
Colorado has resulted in nine slides
along the two-mile stretch of track of
the Denver and Rio Grande railroad in
the Black canon.

Three trains have been hit by the
snow slides and two lives have been
lost. A wrecking train is now en route
to the scene of one of the wrecks to
aid a passenger train that was brush-
ed into the river.

A freight train was also struck. La-
borers are digging for the bodies of
two trainmen who were killed in the
wreck of a passenger train yesterday.

EXECUTE MEXICAN GENERAL

By United Press.
EAGLE PASS, Tex., March 2.—Ben-
jamine Arguendo, ex-general, was ex-
ecuted yesterday in the state peniten-
tiary at Durango, according to semi-
official advices received here today.

Arguendo served with Orozco
against Madero and later with
Huerta. He subsequently became the
chief lieutenant of Zapata against
Carranza.

More recently Arguendo joined the
Villista forces. He was wounded and
captured February 6, near Durango.
Reports say he was given a court
martial trial and sentenced to death.

CARMEN SYLVIA IS NEAR DEATH

By United Press.
BERLIN, March 2.—Carmen Sylvia,
dowager queen of Roumania and noted
poet and author, is critically ill with
bronchitis, according to dispatches
from Bucharest.

Six physicians are in attendance at
the bedside of the former queen and it
is said that they pronounce her case
hopeless.

TEACHERS MEET AT HUGO.

By United Press.
HUGO, Okla., March 2.—Five hun-
dred teachers are attending the annual
convention of the Southeastern Okla-
homa Educational association here to-
day. The meeting will be concluded
tomorrow.

SIoux CITY PACKING

HOUSE STRIKE IS SETTLED
By United Press.
SIoux CITY, Ia., March 2.—The
strike of 2,469 packing house employes
here was called off today. The men
agreed to accept the packers' terms,
which include a raise in wages, but
no recognition for the union.

"SONNY" SMITH CASE CONTINUED

When the case of the State of Okla-
homa vs. Sonny Smith, colored, was called
in Justice Fuller's court this morn-
ing, it being shown that the defendant
was sick and unable to appear for trial,
a continuance of fifteen days was
granted by the court.

TO AWAIT ACTION OF CONGRESS

Wilson Wants Lawmakers to Fight It Out;
Confident Country is on His
Side; Eager for Vote
on Resolution

COMPROMISE PLAN IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Record Vote on Resolution to Warn
Americans is Only Thing that Will
Serve Purpose; No Agreement
Yet Reached

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—
President Wilson, it is understood, has
decided to apply his watchful waiting
policy to the present situation, grow-
ing out of the controversy in regard
to warning Americans to avoid armed
merchant ships, leaving it to congress
and the country to fight it out. He
believes that the sentiment of the
country will swing congress to his way
of thinking about the matter.

It is reported that the president
told Chairman Flood of the house com-
mittee on foreign affairs that he does
not want any compromise resolution
that would do anything short of clearly
establishing how congress stands to-
ward himself and the present situa-
tion.

To bring about a complete under-
standing the president wants congress
to vote on one resolution, such as that
of McLeary, warning Americans not to
travel on armed merchantmen. It is
the desire of the chief executive
that the members of congress go on
record as to how they stand on the
policy of the administration in regard
to armed merchant ships.

Up to noon today no decision had
been reached by the house committee
on foreign affairs as to what course
will be pursued. It is known that the
senate is ready to acquiesce in the
president's wishes, but it is admitted
that there is a possibility of the
house failing to fall in line with his
suggestions.

BEETS BEGINS TO COLLECT TAX

Dan Beets, commissioner of streets,
has commenced the collection of the
street tax for the present year. Mr.
Beets states that payments of this
tax are coming in in a most satis-
factory manner and urges that all who
are interested in seeing the streets
of the city made the best of any city
in Southern Oklahoma to keep up the
good work. The street tax for the
year, including the moneys paid in,
the sums worked out by team and the
amounts worked out "single-handed"
will approximate \$3,500. This amount,
judiciously expended, will go far to-
ward the upkeep and the general beau-
tification of the streets, avenues and
alleys.

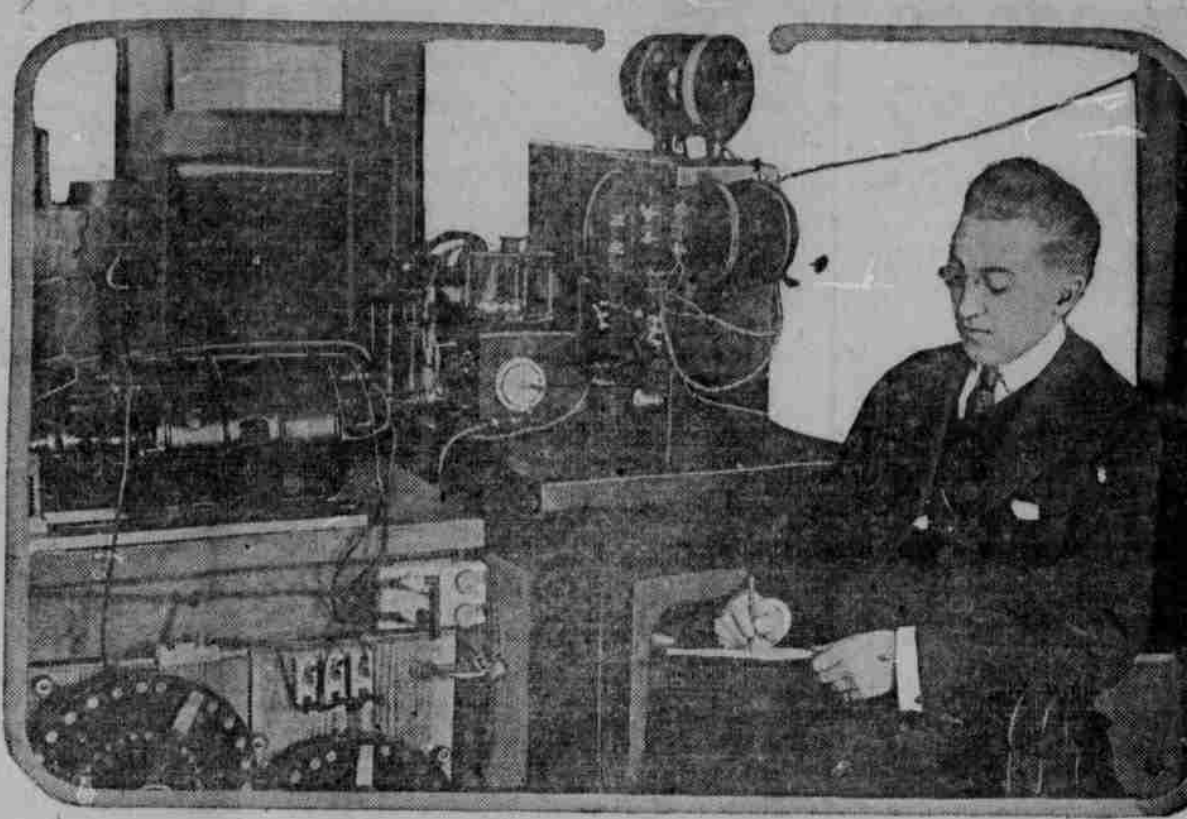
In speaking of the payment of the
street tax, and in referring to the
amounts which will be paid the city in
labor, Mr. Beets urged the necessity
of many of those who desire working
out their tax to send teams. Several
teams, Mr. Beets claimed, could be
used advantageously at almost any
time while the street work may be go-
ing on.

COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS

IN CIRCULATION LOCALLY

When you get a silver dollar in
change in the future, it would be a
good idea to test its weight before
planting it in the cellar compartment
of your pocket book unless you care
to chance coming up one hundred cents
shy when you strike your daily bal-
ance. Local banks report several
spurious silver dollars of the year 1915
in circulation in Chickasha. These dol-
lars are good counterfeits, have the
"ring" and the general appearance of
good money, but are short on weight
and a close inspection will show that
the coin has been cast leaving the
edges "bushed" in place of being clear
cut as would be the case had the coin
been milled.

RADIO "DETECTIVE" AND ITS YOUNG INVENTOR



Frederick Kolster, a young experimenter in the United States bureau of standards, has just perfected the first
radio "detective." The machine, which is shown here with Mr. Kolster operating it, is a device to pick up radio
messages and tell where they come from. The machine has lived up to its nickname of "detective." It has picked
up messages from every part of the United States, and even from Germany, and told without mistake their starting
point. This invention marks a brand new development in the science of the radio and, it is said, will be of in-
valuable service in case of war.

BEATING FATHERS AS FARMERS

By United Press.

DALLAS, Tex., March 2.—
The patronizing air adopted by the
Texas farmer junior to-
ward the Texas farmer senior
may be traced to comparative
statistics recently compiled by
H. H. Williamson, state agent
for boys' agricultural clubs.
Here's what 7,028 boys did to
their dads in Texas last year.

Corn — Boys, average yield
per acre, 35.5 bushels; fathers,
24.7. Grain — Sorghum, boys,
43 bushels; fathers, 19 bushels.
Peanuts — Boys, 534 bushels;
fathers, 46 bushels.

NEW ACT IN ENGLAND IS EFFECTIVE

By United Press.

LONDON, March 2.—The govern-
ment conscription act went into effect
today and the machinery was set in
motion for its enforcement.

Proclamations were posted through-
out England announcing that hence-
forth all bachelors and widowers who
are eligible to be regarded as soldiers
will be drafted for service when they
are needed.

It is stated that the first nine groups
of men will be called to the colors
under the new act by March 15.

ASSASSIN ATTACKS RULER IS RUMORED

By United Press.

ROME, March 2.—Rumors reaching
here by wireless say Czar Ferdinand
of Bulgaria is suffering from wounds
received when an assassin made an at-
tempt upon his life.

The czar is now at Coburg, Germany.
It is said that the effort to assassi-
nate him was made while he was re-
turning from his recent trip to Vien-
na.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says the
Bulgarian ruler is suffering from bron-
chitis.

MURDER AND SUICIDE SAYS CORONER'S JURY

By United Press.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 2.—The
coroner's jury today returned a ver-
dict of murder and suicide in the case
of Harry Jens and wife, who were
found dead at their farm, west of this
city.

It was held that Jens stabbed his
wife with a butcher knife and then kill-
ed himself. The couple had been mar-
ried five months.

TRAINING FOR PEACE AND WAR

Boyce Outlines Plan for Vocational Army
Schools; Scheme Endorsed by Presi-
dent Wilson in Speeches on
Western Trip

By United Press.

CHICAGO, March 2.—An outline of
how his proposed vocational army
training school plan, endorsed by
President Wilson, may be economically
efficiently and quickly started through-
out the country, has been written by
W. D. Boyce of the Boyce publications.

In brief, Mr. Boyce suggests that a
vocational and army training school
be added to each state college under
federal aid and guidance. Concern-
ing the plan, President Wilson, in his
recent western trip, said in part:

"We ought to have in this country
a great system of industrial and vo-
cational education, under federal guid-
ance; and it will be perfectly feasible
and highly desirable to add to that
and combine with it such training in
the mechanism and use and care of
arms, in the sanitation of the camp,
in the simpler forms of maneuver and
organization, as will make these same
men industrially and individually serv-
iceable for national defense.

"The point about such a system will
be that its emphasis will lie on the in-
dustrial and civil side of life, so that
men will think first of their families
and daily work and their services in
the economic fields of the country, and
only last of all of their serviceability
to the nation as soldiers and men at
arms. That is the ideal of America."

Mr. Boyce in part says:

"To start the army vocational
schools, all that is necessary is for
United States army training barracks
(for drilling and living purposes) to be
added to the state colleges with a corps
of military instructors, equipment, etc.,
all of which can easily be provided by
the federal government. All the ex-
penses of this addition must be borne
by the United States, which furnishes
board, lodging and clothing for the
young men who take the course. The
government does this in exchange for
the student's services while he is be-
ing trained to be a fit soldier. The
state furnishes the instruction in the
trade, profession or occupation which
the student elects to take. He is put
to no expense and he remains in the
vocational army school two years, or
more, going to his classes like any
student in a college, but being under
regular army discipline and living in
barracks. After his graduation he is
subject to the call of the United
States government for military serv-
ice, but he goes into the trade, pro-
fession or occupation in which he
has been instructed and in which he
is a finished product.

"We have frequently called attention
to the fact that 85 per cent of the
boys of the United States are obliged
to go to work to support themselves

at the finish of their common school
education, going without the voca-
tional training which they want and need.
The vocational army schools would
give every boy, whether his parents
are poor, well-to-do or rich, an equal
chance to get a practical education and
at the same time fit himself to help de-
fend his country.

"The federal government would be
doing only what it now does, in fur-
nishing military instruction, board and
equipment to its regular soldiers, and
at half expense, for it would not pay
salaries to the students. The states
would be doing only what they should
do, in furnishing educational facilities
for their citizens. The young men at-
tending the vocational army schools
would not be kept out of productive
work, as the regular soldiers are. When
the soldier goes back to civilian life,
his productive capacity is not increas-
ed, but when the graduates of the vo-
cational army schools go into their
trades, occupations and professions,
their productive capacity and earning
ability will be increased many fold.

"Under the vocational army school
plan, 90 per cent of the youths of the
United States would become fit men to
defend their country in time of need."

REPORT ON BOULEVARD WORK IS SUBMITTED

The Business Woman's club submit-
the following report on boulevard
funds donated to them by the Chicka-
sha citizens and now expended:

Donations.	
Chickasha National bank	\$ 5.00
Oklahoma National bank	5.00
Citizens National bank	5.00
First National bank	5.00
Farmers' State bank	2.50
P. F. Thwaitt	2.50
G. W. Austin	10.00
F. R. Linton	15.00
Chickasha Express	2.00
J. E. Schow	2.00
E. Tignor	5.00
Atwood grocery	2.50
G. W. Barefoot	1.00
J. W. Rickburg	1.00
Mrs. J. A. Thompson	1.00
Dr. R. J. Baze	2.00
Dr. Livermore	1.00
Dr. Downey	1.00
Dr. Leeds	1.00
Dr. Emanuel	1.00
Dr. Penquile	1.00
Dr. Antle	1.00
Dr. Carbin	1.00
Business Men's club	1.50
Dr. Homer Bond	1.00

Total collected \$78.00
A. F. Beck donated tiling valued at
\$3.00.

Amounts Expended.	
Paid W. M. Venable for 3 1/2 days work	\$14.00
J. L. Dickson, one day's work with team	4.00
M. J. Marshall, two days work with team	8.00
Willie Murray, two days' work with team	8.00
Dean Panamora, for sign, "Keep to right," for boulevard	2.00
Mr. Clark, advertising O. C. W.	10.00
Chickasha nursery, or 87 shade trees and setting the trees	30.00

Total expended \$78.00
The Business Woman's club thanks
each and every one who contributed to

'BOYS' FAIL TO ARRIVE AT CAPITAL

On Eve of Presidential Campaign, Political
"Dope" Purveyors are Particularly
Scarce at Center of Scene
of Action

VOLUNTEER PILOTS FOR BIG SHIP SHY

Democrats Leary of Entering Lists Against
Wilson and Shadow of Big Moose
in Background Keeps Repub-
licans Guessing

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—
Washington is wondering what has be-
come of her wandering boys. "The
boys" usually show up in January pre-
ceding a presidential election, loaded
with campaign buttons, speeches and
imperishable literature favoring some
candidate who is not only willing but
anxious to save his country from the
wolves of the opposition.

Four years ago there was a notable
reunion of "the boys." Taft and Roose-
velt overshadowed most other candi-
dates on the Republican side, but in
the Democratic field the race was open
to new entries right up to convention
time, and the entries came thick and
fast to the last minute. Every night
or so some new candidate took a fly-
ing dive into the heap of self-sacrific-
ing heroes willing to give up their
important private affairs to serve the
public.

Wilson, Clark, Harmon, Underwood,
Gaynor, a host in fact, put themselves
in the hands of their friends. Few
were the hotels that could not boast,
or could but admit, they were head-
quarters for some one or eighteen of
the candidates.

Washington was headquarters for ex-
and prospective office holders, public-
ity men and press agents. At any time
after 2 o'clock in the afternoon an out-
sider who braved the storm of argu-
ment that enveloped the cobwebby
interior of the historic bar where
solons and other gather could per-
suade himself that the presidential
chair would have to be a community
affair, and the White House turned
into an apartment building to accom-
modate the "can losers" who were
going to be elected.

But this year "the boys" have not
shown up.

Those of the Democrats who would
be willing to succeed Mr. Wilson as the
pilot of the ship of state are hanging
bashfully in the background waiting
for encouragement that doesn't, at the
present time, seem likely to arrive.
Until Theodore Roosevelt is down in
black and white and up in arms, until
his hat is in the ring and his big
stick swinging, or until he is defini-
tely settled the other way, many of the
Republican martyrs who would be will-
ing to run and save the United States
are likewise hanging back.

It looks rather bad for the boys.
It takes some time to launch a good
publicity bureau. Unless they get an
early start, the succession of primar-
ies makes impossible the important
early claims to the several states.

Any evening in February, 1912, for
instance, a credulous reader would
have had to shoot dice with himself
to find which of ten candidates could
be believed when he proved absolutely
and without fear of successful con-
tradiction that he would get the solid
delegation to Baltimore or Chicago.

Few persons in Washington know
just what is wrong this year. The
boys do not affect any one very much
except the hotel proprietors, the res-
taurateurs and the several hundred
newspaper correspondents. Principally
the newspaper correspondents.

It was a sad day in the old days
when a newspaper correspondent
didn't get enough campaign literature
to paper a room large enough to house
most of the presidential aspirants. And
this is a sad year; but so far, they
have managed to bear up under the
strain.

this fun. We will endeavor to finish
setting the boulevard in trees this fall
as we still will need something near
200 trees to make it complete.

Respectfully submitted,
BUSINESS WOMAN'S CLUB